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Oregon Poet Laureate Visits (community name)

(YOUR CITY, Ore.)—(month, day, year of press release)—Oregon's Poet Laureate, Anis Mojgani, will [present a poetry readings and discussion *or* lead a poetry workshop *or* other specific activity] at (venue – name and address) on (date) at (time). *[Please add any other relevant information about the program itself.]*

Anis Mojgani was named to a two-year appointment as Oregon's tenth poet laureate by Governor Kate Brown on April 27, 2020. Born in New Orleans to Black and Iranian parents, Mojgani first called Oregon home in 2004. The author of five books of poetry, he has also done commissioned work for the Getty Museum and the Peabody Essex Museum, and April 2021 will see the premiere of his first opera libretto, "Sanctuaries." Mojgani has performed at universities, festivals and venues around the globe for audiences as varied as the House of Blues and the United Nations. His work has appeared on HBO, National Public Radio, as part of the Academy of American Poets Poem-A-Day series and in the pages of such journals as Rattle, Platypus, Winter Tangerine, Forklift Ohio and Bat City Review.

First coming to poetry by way of visual arts, Mojgani earned a BFA in Sequential Art from the Savannah College of Art & Design in Georgia, and has been awarded artist and writer residencies at the Vermont Studio Center, AIR Serenbe, The Bloedel Nature Reserve, The Sou'wester and the Oregon Literary Arts Writers-In-The-Schools. He now serves on the Board of Directors of Literary Arts. Mojgani currently resides in Portland.

For more information about this free event, please contact (name) at (phone) or (e-mail).

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The Poet Laureate program is a collaborative project of the state's five statewide cultural partners, Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Heritage Commission, Oregon Historical Society, Oregon Humanities, and the State Historic Preservation Office. The program is funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust and managed by [Oregon Humanities](http://www.oregonhumanities.org). More information and program history can be found at <http://www.oregonpoetlaureate.org/>.

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